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REPORT ON THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

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Corrigendum

1. Page 292, decision 1996/112, line 3

After Cyprus", insert and to give it due priority at its fifty-third session,

2. Page 403

After paragraph 618 insert three new paragraphs reading as follows, and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

619. At the same meeting, the Chairman introduced a proposal for restructuring the Commission's agenda. The proposal was contained in document E/CN.4/1996/L.100 and read as follows:

Proposal by the Chairman: Restructuring of the Commission's agenda

1. The present document, circulated at the request of the Chairman of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights, sets out in tabular form the results of the Chairman's wide informal consultations with all regional groups on the possible restructuring of the Commission's future agendas, including the draft provisional agenda for the Commission's fifty-third session.

2. Annex I contains the titles of the proposed items in the restructured agenda. For orientation, and to facilitate understanding of the Chairman's proposal, annex II sets out a comparison between the restructured agenda and the agenda of the fifty-first session, with an indication of how the resolutions adopted at the fifty-first session would correspond to the restructured agenda.

3. Should the Chairman's proposal, as set out in annex I, meet with the approval of the Commission, the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-third session, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) and issued in document E/CN.4/1996/L.1, would be adapted accordingly for inclusion in the report of the Commission to the Council on the work of its fifty-second session.

4. A list of a number of other issues of possible reform, requiring further consultations, will be issued separately in document E/CN.4/1996/CRP.1.

Annex I

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURED AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Agenda item	Title
1-3	Opening, election of officers, adoption of agenda, organization of work
4	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights
5	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
6	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation
7	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination
8	Economic, social and cultural rights
9	Civil and political rights, including questions of: (a) Violence against women (b) Torture and detention (c) Disappearances and summary executions (d) Freedom of expression (e) Independence of the judiciary, administration of justice, impunity (f) Religious intolerance (g) States of emergency
10	The right to development
11	Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus (b) Study of situations, in accordance with the procedure established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)
12	Specific groups and individuals: (a) Migrant workers (b) Minorities (c) Vulnerable groups and individuals

Agenda item	Title
13	Rights of the child
14	Indigenous issues
15	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities: (a) Report and draft decisions (b) Election of members
16	Promotion and protection of human rights and effective functioning of human rights mechanisms: (a) Treaty bodies, status of Covenants (b) National institutions and regional arrangements (c) Human rights defenders (d) Adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery for human rights (e) Information and education (f) Science and the environment
17	Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights
18	Rationalization of the work of the Commission
19	Agenda, report

Annex II

INFORMATION FOR ORIENTATION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURED AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Restructured agenda		Corresponding resoltion	Agenda of the fifty-first session	Item
Item	Title		Title	
1-3	Opening, election of officers, adoption of agenda, organization of work		Opening, election of officers, adoption of the agenda, organization of the work of the session	1-3
4	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights	1995/80: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 1995/93: Evaluation of the human rights programme of the United Nations system, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights	25
5	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine	1995/1: Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine 1995/2: Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan 1995/3: Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine	4
6	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation	1995/4: Situation in occupied Palestine 1995/5: Use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination 1995/6: Middle East peace process 1995/7: Question of Western Sahara	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation	9

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Item	Title		Title	
7	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination	1995/11: Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination 1995/12: Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance 1995/86: Question of integrating the human rights of women into the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	16
8	Economic, social and cultural rights	1995/13: Effects on the full enjoyment of human rights of the economic adjustment policies arising from foreign debt and, in particular, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development 1995/14: Human rights and the environment 1995/15: Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights 1995/16: Human rights and extreme poverty 1995/19: Promoting the realization of the right to adequate housing 1995/45: Human rights and unilateral coercive measures	Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including: problems related to the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living; foreign debt, economic adjustment policies and their effects on the full enjoyment of human rights and, in particular, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development	7

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Item	Title	Sub-item		Sub-item	Title	
9	Civil and political rights, including questions of:	(a) Violence against women	1995/25: Traffic in women and girls 1995/85: The elimination of violence against women	Rights of the child, including: (a) Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; (b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children; (c) Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour; (d) Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication		24
		(b) Torture and detention	1995/34: Right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms 1995/35: Special process dealing with the problem of missing persons in the territory of the former Yugoslavia 1995/37: Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment 1995/39: Staff members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies in detention 1995/59: Question of arbitrary detention	(a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:	10

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Item	Title	Sub-item		Sub-item	Title	
				(b) Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		
			1995/33: Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	(d) Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		
		(c) Disappearances and summary executions	1995/38: Question of enforced disappearances 1995/62: Respect for the universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification 1995/73: Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	(c) Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances		
		(d) Freedom of expression	1995/40: Right to freedom of opinion and expression			

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Item	Title	Sub-item		Sub-item	Title	
		(e) Independence of the judiciary, administration of justice, impunity	1995/36: Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers 1995/41: Human rights in the administration of justice, in particular of children and juveniles in detention 1995/60: Ways and means of overcoming obstacles to the establishment of a democratic society and requirements for the maintenance of democracy			
		(f) Religious intolerance	1995/23: Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief	Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief		22
		(g) States of emergency	1995/42: Question of human rights and states of emergency 1995/43: Human rights and terrorism			
10	The right to development		1995/17: The right to development	Question of the realization of the right to development		8

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11	Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world		1995/65: Human rights violations on the Papua New Guinea island of Bougainville 1995/66: Situation of human rights in Cuba 1995/67: Human rights situation in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa 1995/68: Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran 1995/69: Situation of human rights in Zaire 1995/70: Situation of human rights in Haiti 1995/71: Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea 1995/72: Situation of human rights in Myanmar 1995/74: Situation of human rights in Afghanistan 1995/75: Cooperation with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies 1995/76: Situation of human rights in Iraq 1995/77: Situation of human rights in the Sudan 1995/89: Situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) 1995/90: Situation of human rights in Burundi 1995/91: Situation of human rights in Rwanda		Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:	12

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Item	Title	Sub-item		Sub-item	Title	
		(a) Question of human rights in Cyprus		(a) Question of human rights in Cyprus		
		(b) Study of situations, in accordance with the procedure established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)		(b) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided for in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group on Situations established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41 of 25 May 1990		
12	Specific groups and individuals:	(a) Migrant workers	1995/20: Violence against women migrant workers 1995/21: International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers		13
		(b) Minorities	1995/24: Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities	Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities		20

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		(c) Vulnerable groups and individuals	1995/44: The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) 1995/57: Internally displaced persons 1995/83: Conscientious objection to military service			
13	Rights of the child		1995/78: Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication 1995/79: Rights of the child	Rights of the child, including: (a) Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; (b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children; (c) Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour; (d) Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication		24
14	Indigenous issues		1995/28: International Decade of the World's Indigenous People 1995/30: A permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations system 1995/31: Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities	(a) Indigenous issues	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-sixth session:	19

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Item	Title	Sub-item		Sub-item	Title	
			1995/32: Establishment of a working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994			
15	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:	(a) Report and draft decisions	1995/26: Work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities * 1995/27: Contemporary forms of slavery * 1995/29: Minimum humanitarian standards * 1995/58: Human rights and disability * A large number of Sub-Commission draft decisions are superseded by resolutions of the Commission under the corresponding agenda items	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-sixth session:		19
		(b) Election of members				
16	Promotion and protection of human rights and effective functioning of human rights mechanisms:	(a) Treaty bodies, status of Covenants	1995/18: Succession of States in respect of international human rights treaties 1995/22: Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights 1995/87: Human rights and thematic procedures 1995/92: Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights	Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights		17
				Effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments		18

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		(b) National institutions and regional arrangements	1995/46: Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights 1995/48: Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region 1995/50: National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	(b) National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission:	11
		(c) Human rights defenders	1995/84: Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms	Drafting of a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms		23
		(d) Adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery for human rights	1995/61: Composition of the staff of the Centre for Human Rights 1995/64: Strengthening the Centre for Human Rights	(c) Coordinating role of the Centre for Human Rights within the United Nations bodies and machinery dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights	Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission:	11
		(e) Information and education	1995/47: Decade for Human Rights Education 1995/49: Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights			

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		(f) Science and the environment	1995/81: Adverse effects of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights 1995/82: Human rights and bioethics	Human rights and scientific and technological developments		14
17	Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights		1995/51: Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights 1995/52: Situation of human rights in Togo 1995/53: Advisory services and the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights 1995/54: Assistance to States in strengthening the rule of law	Advisory services in the field of human rights		21

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		1995/55: The situation of human rights in Cambodia 1995/56: Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights 1995/63: Advisory services to El Salvador in the field of human rights		
18	Rationalization of the work of the Commission			
19	Agenda, report		Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Commission	27
			Report to the Economic and Social Council on the fifty-first session of the Commission	28

620. At the same meeting, the Chairman also introduced, together with his proposal, a list of other issues of possible reform requiring further consultations (E/CN.4/1996/CRP.1).

621. The Chairman subsequently withdrew his proposal as contained in document E/CN.4/1996/L.100.

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